TAFT'S TRUST BUSTING PLAN

QUICK ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAW ITS CHIEF OBJECT.

He Proposes to Relieve the Interstate Commission of its Butles as an Investigating Body and Extend Juris. diction of the Bureau of Corporations.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Dec. 26 .- From Mr. Taft's friends it is learned that he is working out the details of a plan designed to acrease the efficiency of Government regulation of corporations doing an interstate business. Mr. Taft declines to discuss the plan for publication, but perrons who have talked with him say that it will follow the lines suggested by him in his campaign speeches and will have as its chief object the quick enforcement save us." of laws already on the statute books. In other words, it will be one of Mr. Taft's first steps to make good his campaign rromise that he would do everything in his power to "clinch the Roosevelt poli-

Mr. Taft's friends say that the proposed pian will need legislation from Congress decreasing the powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission, greatly increasing the powers of the Bureau of Corporations in the Department of Labor and commerce and creating a practically rew bureau in the Department of Justice. The general outline of the plan is decribed as follows: The Interstate Com-

duties as an investigating body. It is be a commission exercising only quasi-judicial functions. The jurisdiction of the Bureau of Corporations, on the other hand, is to be extended over all corporations doing an interstate busi-It will be charged with the detailed work of investigating and preparng cases.

merce Commission is to be relieved of its

This bureau, acting upon individual complaints or upon its own initiative will lay the results of its investigations efore the Interstate Commerce Comnission for decision. It will originate all The new bureau in the Department of Justice will work in cooperation with the Bureau of Corporations and the Interstate Commerce Commission when

legal aid is necessary.

Mr. Taft's friends say that the proposed plan does not contemplate the icensing of corporations, but that under it corporations will probably be obliged to submit to closer scrutiny by the Bureau

It is plain that Mr. Taft's purpose is to avoid the overlapping and duplication of work which have been complained of under the present system. The plan also is in direct line with Mr. Taft's frequently expressed wish to do everything in his power to expedite the ad nistration of justice in this country. In his speech of acceptance last July Mr. Taft indicated plainly enough that he regarded the Interstate Commerce Commission as an overworked body.

Under a plan such as Mr. Taft's friends suggest the Department of Commerce and Labor, containing the Bureau of Corporations, will become a Cabinet post of the first importance. It is said that Mr. Taft is fully alive to this fact and that he is devoting a great deal of attention to the selection of a man for that port-

Mr. and Mrs. Taft and their childre spent the day at Aiken, S. C. They made the trip from this city, a distance of twenty-four miles, in a private trolley car. Mr. and Mrs. John Hays Hammond went with them. The party had lunched at the Palmetto Club and Mr. Taft and Mr. Hammond took a turn over the links. It was 7 o'clock in the evening before the party returned to Augusta.

Mr. Taft was the guest of honor tonight at a dinner given by Henry C. Maxwell. Among the guests were several prominent Federal officeholders in Georgia. Washington, Dec. 28.—Federal officers are greatly interested in reports from Augusta, Ga., that Judge Taft has evolved a comprehensive plan for the regulation of interstate corporations that he will ask Congress to put into the form of law. Complaint has been made that the present system of dealing with the corpora-

tions subject to regulatory laws is wieldly, resulting in an overlapping of work that has frequently tended to confusion and in some instances to delay in the prosecution of cases instituted by one or the other of the three branch of the Government which had jurisdio tion. While officials here are divided on this point, the view held by many is that the recent decision of the United States Supreme Court in the Harriman case further complicates the situation.

Some express the belief that the decision will prove far reaching in its effects; that not only seriously curtailed the power of the Interstate Commerce Commission to make inquiries such as were made in the case of the Harriman lines but that places a limitation on the power of the Commissioner of Corporations in his relations with industrial corporations. This difference, it is held, merely emphasizes the necessity for such changes in he law as will clearly define the powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission, he Bureau of Corporations and the Department of Justice in their relations to corporations doing an interstate business.

The Harriman case, which came to the supreme Court on appeal from a decision of the Circuit Court for the Southern Disrict of New York, involved the right of the commission to institute proceednge of its own volition and without emplaint. The Supreme Court held hat the commission had no right to undertake any such investigation as that of the so-called Alton deal in the absence of a formal complaint by a party in interest. Harriman's refusal therefore to answer mestions put to him relating to transfer f stock of various railroads was upheld. While the members of the interstate Commerce Commission are unwilling at this time to discuss the effect of the decision of the court in the Harriman they are evidently of the opinion that changes in the law more clearly defining the power of the commission are urgently needed. It is Mr. Taft's plan to take from the commission all, administrative work, leaving it a quasijudicial body, and putting on the Bureau of Corporations many of the functions now exercised by the commission Mr.

HE PREFERRED TO STEAL. ad Faced Holdup Man Takes by Force

Loan He'd Refused—Then Gives Trinkets. To Mrs. Mollie Tannenbaum, trained nurse, setting forth from her home at 238 East 102d street early last evening to visit a friend who is sick, appeared a young man who lifted his hat and said: "Pardon me, madam, do you happen to know if there is a pawnshop in this vicinity?

The young man's clothes were good, but ever so sorrowful were his voice and manner. The nurse hesitated, then spoke on impuise.

"Pawnshop?" she said. "Why a pawn-

"I'm naturally reluctant to speak to a stranger about it," replied the young man, "but, since you ask me, the truth is my wife and I have had a streak of hard luck. We're to be dispossessed to-morrow unless what I can raise on these will

From his pocket he pulled two gold watches, a diamond ring, a gold chain, a wedding ring and a few other pieces of jewelry Please handle them carefully," said

Mrs. Tannenbaum looked the articles over, then turned to the sad faced young

man. "I have \$40 with me " she ventured it to you? That will be nicer than going to a pawnshop."

"Couldn't think of it," replied the young man. "I should have to have the face value of these things, you know."

They walked along talking it over and were nearly at First avenue when the young man grabbed the nurse, clapped a hand over her mouth and bundled her into a murky hallway. There he sat her down on the floor, pointed a revolver at her face, slipped the other hand into her pocket and drew forth the purse with the

"There's your jewelry," he said, throwing his trinkets at her. "Much obliged gfor the loan," and he hurried away. Mrs. Tannenbaum got up presently and a little later appeared with her daughter at the office of the Harlem Detective Bureau to report the episode The station house gem expert peered

to have kept the melancholy young man and his family from exile. "The whole bunch is worth \$2-three at the outside," said he.

HELD ON ANOTHER CHARGE.

carefully at the mementoes that were

F. C. Matson Accused of Shooting Through a Door of a Chicago Hotel. CHICAGO, Dec. 26.-Faulkner Court Matson, 41 years old, said to be the pro-prietor of the Victor Paint and Varnish Company of New York, who was held to the Criminal Court last Thursday on a charge of improper conduct made by Miss Ruth R. Lee, a nurse, was again arrested early to-day on a charge of firing a revolver shot through a door in the Stratford Hotel.

"I saw a burglar in the room and I leaped out of bed and fired at him," was Matson was arraigned in the Harrison street branch of the Municipal Court and his case was continued to Monday by Judge Gemmill. Detective Loftis of the Harrison street station said he learned that Matson had been out until 1 A. M., although the man asserted that

he had been ill and had not left his room during the day. Loftis, "Matson was taken down stairs by the porters, and when he reached the street he called a taximeter cab and took long ride. He had a woman who lives

for companions." Matson denied this flatly and declared that he had not left his room in the hotel either during the day or evening.

on West Lake street and her daughter

"I was sitting in the dark in my room, he said, "when I heard some one opening the door. Then I saw it start to open and I fired."

RUSH FROM SPAIN TO PANAMA. Labor Agent Has Sout 18,000 European to the High Wages Zone.

The Cunarder Lucania and the French liner La Lorraine defied the aftermath of Atlantic violence and got in yesterday pretty nearly on time. On Thursday, when the seas were dead ahead and lofty their spray, freezing as it fell, decorated with Christmas cake, frosting rigging. rails and rail nettings. A thaw came on Christmas morn and the Santa Claus aspect of things vanished long before the passengers were getting outside their turkey dinners.

Le Roy Park, who has been three years in Europe supplying laborers to the Panama Canal, was a passenger by La Lorraine. He said he had sent altogether 15,000 Europeans, chiefly natives of northern Spain, to the Isthmus, and that a special board of examiners had seen that none of the workers was afflicted with any contagious disease. Other laborers employed came from Greece, Italy and France. The European workman was frugal and could subsist in the canal zone on about 40 cents a day. His fare was paid by the United States to the zone. As his wages are about \$1.90 in gold he could save a pretty tidy sum at the end of a year and afford to go home again

and buy a place of his own. Spain had found her best sinew going to the zone and had adopted legislation which would check the tendency to emiwhich would cheek the tendency to emi-grate on the part of its most desirable peasantry. The wages of a Spanish laborer being less that 40 cents a day, it was natural that he should hurry to a it was natural that he should have times field where he could get nearly five times

BOY KILLED BY COCAINE

Accidentally, County Physician Says.

After Autopsy in Newaris. The death of John Knox, 18 years old, of 188 South Ninth street, Newark, was called to the attention of the authorities in that city yesterday. The boy was stricken with convulsions while on his knees at prayer in his room late Friday night and he died soon after midnight. Knox is alleged to have told his mother that he had been "doped" in New York.

According to the police an analysis of a box of powder found in Knox's pocket revealed that the stuff was a mixture of cocaine and sugar. Owing to the circumstances surrounding the case County Physician Elliott performed an autopsy on the body. Dr. William H. Martisad, pathologist at the City Hospital, assisting. The autopsy showed that Enox died of an overdose of occaine, but the County Physician said that death was accidental. called to the attention of the authorities

BANKER H. W. POOR ASSIGNS

PARTNERS HAD ALL LEFT HIM, THE LAST IN OCTOBER.

Business of the Firm Fell Off and the Senior Partner Had Three Expensive Residences to Maintain-The Creditors Are Few-Invited to Cooperate.

The failure of Henry W. Poor & Co. of 33 Wall street, a Stock Exchange house whose collapse a few years ago might have been expected to disturb the current of affairs in Wall Street, was announced yesterday with no likelihood, so far as could be gathered, that it would have any market consequences whatever worth frocks and those thousand little necessities noting.

Although Mr. Poor was popularly supposed to have several partners, the Stock Exchange records bear witness to the contrary. Early in the year the partners William N, Phoenix, withdrew, and in in New York. October last the Boston partners, Franklin erick A. Farrar, got out of the firm, leaving the elder Poor alone. There was some "If that will help you why not let me lend thought at that time of calling in legal assistance, but things ran along until an assignment was the best way out that Mr. Poor's legal advisers could see. He is said to be in the best of health, and it is believed that he will be able to pay his creditors, who are not many, if they give him time.

> Once an important trading house the irm had not of late occupied such a place in the general business of the Street. No estimate of the amount of the liabilities was obtainable yesterday. A notice was posted on the door of the firm's offices in the morning announcing that Mr. Poor, doing business under the firm name, had made an assignment for the benefit of creditors, without preference, to Mark T. Cox of Robert Winthrop & Co. The notice was signed by Strong & Cadwalader, attorneys for the assignee, and by Hawkins & Delafield, attorneys for "certain creditors." Late in the afternoon this statement was issued from Hawkins & Delafield's office:

Mr. John L. Cadwalader (of Strong & Cadwalader), representing the assignee and Mr. Lewis L. Delafield (of Hawkins & Delafield, representing certain large credi-tors, authorize the following statement: Henry W. Poor, transacting business i he State of New York under the name o H. W. Poor & Co., has made a general as-signment for the benefit of creditors to Mr. Mark T. Cox of Robert Winthrop & Co. There are no preferences beyond such as

the statute gives to employees.

A superficial examination justifies the pelief that if, the creditors, who are few n number, will cooperate in enabling he assignee to effect a favorable liquidation of the assets a large sum will be realized fo their benefit. Written assurance of im portant financial assistance to such credi tors as will ecoperate to that end has been

Neither Mr. Cox, the assignee, no Messrs. Robert Winthrop & Co. are inter sted as creditors or otherwise in the as signed estate.

It was no secret downtown that Mr Poor's firm had met some difficulties in the panic of last year and had scarcely been on the top wave of prosperity since then. Mr. Poor has lived expensively. r. at 1 Lexington dence consisting of two houses thrown a back way, under guidance of one of into one; an elaborate country place at Tuxedo and a fine summer home at Bar Harbor, all of them containing more or less treasures of art besides Mr. Poor's costly collection of books. This collection, representing thirty years of gathering, was sold without explanation last month at auction and brought a large sum, but no statement was made as to the relation between the proceeds of the auction and the prices paid by Mr. Poor for the books.

At one time Mr. Poor was associated with Charles W. Morse in operations in American Ice. He is president of Poor's Railroad Manual Company, a director of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad and president of the Postal Tele graph Company of Texas, and a director of the United States Casualty Company Poor's Manual of Railroads was estab lished by Mr. Poor when in 1865 he began business as H. V. & H. W. Poor, who became widely known as publishers of that useful book. He went into the banking business in 1880 as Anthony, Poor & Oliphant, which firm dissolved in December 1881, to be succeeded by Poor, Oliphant & Co. Poor, White & Co. followed; then Poor & Greenough. Under this style the firm is best remembered by the later comers in the Street, and when the business was conducted under that name the firm was an important one in the financial ection. Since 1899 the firm has been H W. Poor & Co., with Mr. Poor, who then became a member of the Stock Exchange. as the board member and reputed capitalist of the firm. Two years ago Mr. Poor put the firm down as worth \$3,500,000 Mr. Poor himself has been reputed, as the word passed from mouth to mouth, to be worth \$5,000,000.

Early last winter Mr. Poor's firm was sued by Howard Willets, who is a member of the hunting crowd of Westchester, for \$243,368 on allegations of fraud and misepresentation in connection with the purchase by Mr. Willets of Newton and Northvestern (an Iowa railroad) bonds on Mr. Poor's firm's recommendation. Mr. Poor said in the firm's defence that the rospectus was issued by the firm of H. Poor & Co. of Boston, of which he was member, in connection with another firm. The prospectus formed the basis of the purchase by Mr. Willets. Mr. Poor said that the statements in it were nade on the authority of experts.

ROBBED IN PARIS HOTEL. Voman Loses 86,000 Worth of Jewels

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. Paris, Dec. 26 .- André Martin was arrested to-day on the charge of stealing \$6,000 worth of jewels from Mme. Lillie Patterson, nee Smith. The robbery was committed at the Elysée Palace Hotel.

Mrs. Patterson picked up an acquaintance with Martin, thinking he was a gentleman. He disappeared on December 5, taking with him six of her rings. Martin is about 20 years old. He lived for a long time in America.

DEWEY'S WINES FOR NEW YEAR'S, Special Offer Cases, \$4.00. 25,00, 26.75. T. Dewey & Sons Co., 128 Fulton St., New Yo

NORDICA'S CAR AFIRE.

had a narrow escape from losing more

She Rushes Back and Reseues Valuables. Including a Priceless Necklace. Los Angeles, Dec. 26.-Mme. Lillian Nordica lost her Christmas turkey and

valuable articles when her private car, parked near the Arcade depot, caugh fire yesterday. The facts of the lost Christmas dinner became known to-day While Mme. Nordica was entertaining in her car, the Pilgrim, her sisters, who were to have been her guests for the dinner, Mrs. G. A. Walker and Mrs. E. Castillo, the chef rushed into the car crying "Fire!" Instantly Mme. Nordica and her guests seized what things they could carry and rushed from the car Then she thought of her jewels and furs, sables and silver foxes, her laces, Parisian

to every diva. One item was priceless, a necklace scarabs just sent to her by a New York admirer. Its worth is so great and its interest so universal that she already had decided not to keep it, but to make it a resident in New York, H. V. Poor and gift to the Metropolitan Museum of Art

Mme. Nordica ran back into the car and secured the treasured articles and re-W. Hunt, Charles F. Cushman and Fred-turned to her friends. For a few minutes they watched the firemen putting out the fire. Then she calmly invited her guests to a hotel for the Christmas

> WON'T TELL WHERE HIS WIFE IS. She Has Been Missing From Her Home in

> Eigin, III., Since October 2. CHICAGO Dec. 26 .- Mrs. Nellie B. Chappell, wife of Dr. Ora A. Chappell, the foremost dentist of Elgin, disappeared from her home on October 2, and following a search of almost three months by her sons and relatives Attorney John R. Powers, representing them, announced to-day that unless he found the missing woman within a week he would start proceedings against the doctor under the law covering kidnapping. To all the de-mands of the family Dr. Chappell has remained mute as to the whereabouts of his wife, and to-day when he was informed that proceedings in the courts were threatened he still refused to divulge her hiding place.
> "I have nothing to say," said Dr. Chap-

> pell. "In about two months, when she gets back, my sons and her relatives will iscover what fools they have been. She is alive, but further than that I will av absolutely nothing."

While Dr. Chappell remains silent, his sons, Rollo Chappell, 19 years of age, and Ora Chappell, 22, declare that their father s exerting an influence over their mother. They insist that at different times he has given out conflicting statements as to where their mother is. In these they plaim he mentioned Denver, Los Angeles and Boise City. Dr. Chappell is a member of the Century and Country clubs, two of Elgin's most exclusive organizations. He is 68 years old.

CAPT. HUMPHREYS CAN FIGHT. With the Bein of a Negro He Bolds

Gang of Prizefighters at Hay. DENVER, Dec. 26 .- Fighting side by side with Nathan Williams, a negro Capt. C. B. Humphreys of Company L wenty-first Infantry, stationed at For ogan, knocked out four prizefighters trainer and rubber and succeeded i holding at bay more than fifty men who had boarded a suburban Rio Grande train at Petersburg after a prizefight at the presence of a number of United States Army officers and their wives and guests vesterday afternoon.

The conductor stopped the train during the mélée and telephoned to police headquarters, but when the officers met the train they found that the Captain's assailants had jumped off.

As a result of the fracas Capt. Humphreys is badly disfigured and disabled He is under the care of the post surgeon at Fort Logan. Both of his hands were broken during the terrific hand to hand encounter with the prizefight principals and attendants and it will be two weeks pefore he recovers.

Williams, the negro, was taken to the police headquarters, where after hearing his story he was highly praised by Chief Armstrong and sent home.

DEBTS OF SARAH PECKHAM.

Creditors Never Succeeded in Getting Into Her Safe Deposit Strongbox.

A petition in bankruptcy has been filed gainst Sarah H. Peckham of 33 West wenty-eighth street by Leon Brooks eavitt, attorney for these creditors Stettiner Bros., 52 Duane street, \$21 on a note dated September 15, 1908, payable thirty days after date; C. A. Read of Chicago, \$1,200 on a note dated April 10 1907, payable on demand, and E. G. Read hicago, \$34, money advanced in 1907.

Bankruptcy proceedings against Mrs. Sarah H. Peckham, the wife of Frederick A. Peckham, cotton broker, one of the nen indicted both here and in Washingto last May for alleged connection with the cotton leak scandal of 1904, were begun in July, 1904, and dismissed the next month. Before her marriage she ran mail order business in women's apparel in Chicago under the name of the Sarah De Fay Company. In 1903 ahe removed to this city, living first at the Hoffman, House and then at the Notel St. Denis, and continued the business at Broadway extd Carel etreet.

House and then at the Notel St. Denis, and continued the business at Broadway and Canal street.

It developed in the bankruptcy proceedings that Mrs. Peckham had rented a safe deposit box from the Madison Safe Deposit Company. The box was said to contain diamonds valued at \$50,000 and securities worth \$75,000 and securities to the cotton leak investigators. Judge Thomas ordered the box opened, but before that could be done a man appeared who paid every claim against the woman, the receivers fees, the cost of litigation and the fees of the opposing counsel. That ended the bankruptcy proceedings, and outsiders never learned what was in the box. The man who paid all these claims was W. W. Judd. who, it was testified, was the confidential agent of L. C. Van Riper, whose revelations to Secretary Wilson started the cotton leak exposure.

184 Marriage Licenses in Two Hours.

The half holiday marriage licens ecord was broken at the City Hall yesterday, when 134 couples got wedding permits in two hours. City Clerk Soully thought the rush was due to the fact that many business places were not open yesterday and employees who had been figuring on matrimony took advantage of the day off.

EDEAL, FLORIDA SÉRVICE VIA Scabbard Air Line's Year Round Limited—Fiorida Fast Mail, and commencing Jan. 4 Scabbard Fior-ida Limited. Office 1183 B way.—Ada.

CHILD FALLS THROUGH SCOW

SHE WAS PICKING COAL. The Seew One the Street Clet partment Had Hired and it Was Left at Dock Unguarded-Improperly Closed

Pocket Probable Cause of Accident.

Six of the Street Cleaning Department's scow captains were at work last night searching the East River in the neighborbood of 107th street for the body of Mary Santangelo, a nine-year-old Italian gir who was carried into the river in the afternoon when a mass of dirt and ashes from which she was picking coal on board the scow Astoria slid through one of the dumping pockets.

The Astoria is not one of the regular department scows. It is hired for extra work. It is what is known as a cylinder dumper with six pockets which are closed by chains wound over ratchet wheels and which are opened by the weight of the load when the dogs holding the ratchets are knocked from place.

The scow lay yesterday at the foot of East 107th street and Mary Santangelo with two other children went on board to pick coal. There were no workmen about when the children boarded the scow. They had been at work for some time when the dirt in the pocket in which they were searching began to slide. Mary's companions were near the landward edge of the boat and jumped to the dock. When they looked back the pile of dirt in the pocket had disappeared and Mary was not to be seen. The children said nothing of what had happened until nearly an hour later, when Mrs. Santangelo came to ask them if they had seen

After hearing the children's story the mother hurried to the police station, and in a short time the harbor police from the East 120th street station were searching for the body. The police were joined by the men sent out by the Street Cleaning Department.

No final report had reached the superintendent of the dumps last night It was said, however, that in all probability the pocket in which the children had been working had not been properly closed after the last load was dumped at sea The theory was that the coarse dirt and ashes, when snovelled into the partly open pocket, had clogged the opening and that the action of the water and perhaps the added weight of the children had caused the load to slide through

THE HAMILTON IN A STORM. Old Dominion Liner's Narrow Escape

From Being Driven on the Delaware Coas RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 26.-John Spear, econd engineer on one of the Southern Pacific lines of steamers which ply in the Gulf of Mexico, who was a passe board the Old Dominion liner Hamilton during her trip in the storm of last Wednesday, bound from New York to Norfolk, tells a tale of panic and mutiny among the stokers and of storm conditions which he as an old tar had never experienced before.

Sandy Hook was rounded in comparatively calm water. It was when the big teamer was off the coast of Delaware that she struck the severest part of the that the captain, realizing the danger, from Yale in 1904 and married Miss whiteen the engines could produce more power the ship would be beached. Of this the passengers were kept ignorant. McLaughlin gave orders for all of the brew to turn to, but some of the stokers refused to obey. At the point of a pistol, Mr. Spear said, the men were forced to shovel coal until the ship was in calmer seas. It was due to these heroic measures on the part of the officers that the ship is those seas and herographic tell the

tale.

To make matters worse the cargo in the hold, due to the fossing and pitching of the vessel, shifted, crushing and mangling against the side of the boat mangling against the side of the boat five valuable show horses which were on their way to the Southern horse show, having won ribbons at the New York show. The passengers, hearing the noise below, became more frightened and for a little while almost a state of panic reigned. After the stokers had been made to do their duty, both shifts being worked at one time, they were treated to a fine supper by the officers. This was after the ship had righted herself and was in calmer seas.

The Hamilton is now in New York on her return trip, seemingly none the worse for her rough usage during the trip down,

A CASE OF THOMAS SMITHS. Prisoner, a Lawyer and a Witnes Puzzles the Magistrate.

Thomas Smith, who is charged with stealing six chickens from Washington Market on Christmas Day, and Thomas Smith, attorney for the Thomas Smith who is accused of taking the chickens, and Thomas Smith, watchman, who caught Thomas Smith, as he alleges, trying to make his getaway with the chickens, were all in Jefferson Market court esterday to the confusion of Magistrate Barlow.

The case was called and all three men tepped forward. "Which one is Thomas Smith?" asked

him," asid the third Thomas.

"All right, now we can proceed," and the Magistrate again took up the papers.

Thomas Smith of 430 West Seventeenth street and Patrick Ahearn of 430 West Seventeenth street, who, it is charged, helped get the chickens, were each held in \$1,000 bail for trial.

ACCUSED OF DRUGGING WOMAN. Sick Manieure Has Young Man Arrested for Taking All Her Savings.

John Maher, 23 years old, a clerk, of 690 Ninth avenue, was arrested last night charged with drugging Miss Elsie Ross. manicure, of 705 Seventh avenue. said that on the night of December 9 she met Maher and they went to a saloon at Thirty-third street and Lexington ave-She showed him \$185 in money and nue. She showed him \$185 in money and told him that she was sick and that she was going away for her health. After a drink she fell asleep and when she woke her money and a diamond ring were gone. Miss Ross told the detectives that the money was all that she had saved. Her health had been poor and she thought the money might be used to give her a decent burial in case of death. Miss Ross said that before her health gave way she was a trained nurse. GASOLENE IN WRIGHT MACHINE.

Bastardly Effort to Wreck Aeroplane a Le Mans-Remarkable Flights. DUMPED INTO RIVER WEILE Special Cable Despatches to TER SUN. LE MANS, Dec. 26 .- Just prior to starting its flight in the afternoon Wright exam- Kings County Justices Issue 188 ined the machinery of his aeroplane and

> person had removed the oil from the lubricating carrier and substituted gasolene. This made an explosion possible while the aeroplane was in flight, with probably serious consequences. After overhauling the machine Wright executed a series of remarkable flights.

Wilbur Wright intended to make an attempt to-day to beat the record he made on December 18, when he flew in his aeroplane sixty-two miles, winning the Michelin cup. The weather, however, was too cold. He will soon go to Pau, where his brother Orville will join him. The latter will return to America in March to carry out his contract with the United States Government.

Wilbur Wright made a zigzaggy flight with many abrupt turns this afternoon for M. Lilaz, chief of the cabinet of M Barthou, Minister of Public Works

THEY JUST TOOK THINGS.

Three Little Girls Caught Pilfering In

Three little girls started out shopping yesterday afternoon with the eviden intention of filling up the gaps which Santa Claus had left in their stockings. They had a very successful tour of the were obtained in order to make stores, and the only thing they forgot cases was to pay for what they carried away. Store Detective Samuel Lauber saw the Park row left on the 6:50 o'clock

three of them, Jennie Herzot, who is 13 yesterday evening, carrying or years old and lives at 405 East Eighty- all the orders to Princeton, N. J. first street, her nine-year-old sister Annie, and Adeline Brewer, a year younger, whose home is at 422 in the same | the State would be valid, but the street, coming out of a Sixth avenue store with their arms full of bundles and their pockets bulging. He told them they would have to take a ride with him and around to the West Twentieth street station they went.

The girls were searched and among them they had fifty-six different articles -Teddy bears, dolls, dishes, muffs, little furniture sets and many more things-in all nearly \$40 worth.

When they were asked why they had taken the things all three started to cry. 'We didn't know it was wrong." sobbed Jepnie; "we just took them." They wer sent around to the Gerry society

MANDEVILLE HALL SENTENCED.

Gets 13 Months in Paris for Honeymour Purchase of Auto With Bad Cheek. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. Paris, Dec. 26.—The Eleventh Chamber of the Correctional Tribunal sentenced Mandeville de Marigny Hall to-day to thirteen months imprisonment for swindling. He was extradited from London on the charge of giving a bad check in the

purchase of an automobile. Hall is 23 years old and a son of William C. Hall, the former Yale oarsman, who storm. The boat careened, righted herself and then drifted toward the Delaware
shore. So near was the boat to the shore
that the captain, realizing the danger

In May last he also married Vida Whitnore, a chorus girl, and after taking ner to Europe and pawning her diamonds ne bought the \$5,000 automobile with a had check. His wife came back alone. Hall shot himself last January and declared that it was accidental. He is a descendant of the Marquis de Marigny and is related to the Duc de Villambrosa

DALZELL OUT OF THE RACE.

Withdraws as a Candidate for the Senatorship and Favors Oliver's Election. PITTSBURG, Dec. 2º.-Congressman John Dalzell, who was an aspirant for the position of United States Senator to succeed P. C. Knox, has decided that he capnot compete successfully against George T. Oliver of Pittsburg and so withdraws. In his Christmas mail Mr. Oliver received a letter from Representative Dalzell in Washington in which he wrote:

George T. Oliver, Esq., Pittaburg: It is no news to you that I have long had an ambition to be United States Senator from Pennsylvania. It seems, however, that the Senators and Assemblymen fro Allegheny county prefer to support you for that office. I bow to their judgment and acquiesce in their choice. Had I been called on to decide the matter myself you would have been my selection. Should you secure election by the Legislature, as I hope and believe you will, I shall be among the first to tender you sincere congratulations

DYNAMITE IN THE COAL. What Scens to Have Been an Attemp

to Blow Up an O. & W. Locomotive. MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Dec. 26 .- The finding of a stick of dynamite with a cap attached in the coal on an Ontario and the Magistrate.

"That is my name," chorused the three.

"Well, Mr. Smith,", said Magistrate
Barlow to the attorney, "surely you are
not the man who took the chickens?"

"No, he is my client," said the lawyer.

"And I am the watchman who caught him," said the third Thomas.

"Western Railroad locomotive at Weehawken undoubtedly prevented the blowing up of the locomotive and the consequent wrecking of a fine passenger train. The locomotive was being coaled preparatory to taking out train 7, which leaves weehawken at 3:30 P. M., when the work-Western Railroad locomotive at Weehawken undoubtedly prevented the blowing locomotive was being coaled preparatory to taking out train 7, which leaves Weehawken at 3:30 P. M., when the workmen discovered the dynamite. Many believe that the dynamite was placed in the coal for the purpose of blowing up the locomotive; others believe it had got there by accident. Since the discovery of the dynamite many are inclined to the belief that the locomotive which blew up on the Ontario and Western near this city on December 4, killing the fireman

Hargis Jury Disagrees.

and injuring a number of employees

was destroyed by dynamite.

IRVINE, Ky., Dec. 26.—The jury in the Beach Hargis case were finally discharged by Judge Adams this afternoon without having reached a verdict It was reported that they stood nine for acquittal and three for conviction. The tefence made a motion for bail and arguments on the motion will be heard Mon day. Elbert Hargis, brother of the dead man, will vigorously oppose the granting of bail to his nephew.

Look for the name KREMENTZ on the back-he Collar Button if you want the best. - Ads.

PICTURE SHOWS WILL

Partly cloudy to-usy; fair to-morrow; fresh to strong southwesterly winds.

AID OF THE COURTS INVO TO HEAD OFF THE POLI

Which Serves as a Stay-Se discovered that some evilly disposed fusion Follows as to the Pol

tude and a Few Arrests Are

The moving picture men, whose to do business in the city were by order of Mayor McClellan on De 24, appealed yesterday to the or relief. Justices Abel E. Blas William J. Gaynor were applied Gustavus A. Rogers, who is cou Moving Picture Association, and the orders that act as a stay of the l order until argument is heard to-The moving picture men, acting the protection of these orders, will up to-day and will try to make up on Sunday business what they lost on Ch mas Day.

Justice Gaynor signed a writ on the Mayor, his marshal and d as well as the Police Commissi his subordinates, to show cause licenses should be revoked. In interval between the hearing, which be before Justice Blackmar in S Term of the Supreme Court in Bro the order to show cause acts as a against the operation of the edict. In addition to this order, were obtained which related to moving picture shows, four in this and two in Brooklyn. These

A clerk from Mr. Rogers's office the Mayor is. There was some di whether an order so served outsid legal authority for believing that it

Mr. Rogers after he got the or vesterday said: "We're going to these just as soon as it can be done a then we will proceed with bu to-morrow happened to be Friday stead of Sunday there wouldn't be surprise about the picture men of But as we have been adj within our rights being open on days long before this we will go

There was great confusion between police and the proprietors of the m picture shows over the injunctions. in the afternoon when the moving pie men were informed that the or been issued they notified the man of their shows to open up again, time the police knew nothing o about the order and they im closed up some of them, in sev

making arrests.

The police got their first official is edge early in the evening when Gu A Rogers, counsel for the picture went to Police Headquarters with Gaynor's order and tried to serve sioner Bingham. The Con wasn't there so the order was as Capt. Post, who was in charge at A member of the Headquarters squad looked over the order and he believed it to be binding, Commissioner Bingham of it he sent word not to the order shutting up the places i

later. Commissioner Bingham's Daniel G. Slattery, then went to He quarters, and after reading the injunct had a telephone order sent out which said might be subject to che This order, which went out abo

o'clock, said: "To All Boroughs: In pursuance of injunction order served upon the dependent signed by William J. Gaynor. tice of the Supreme Court of Kings ou the commanding officers will instru members of their commands to ref from making arrests of persons opera moving picture shows whose lice revoked by his Honor the Mayor as tained in the telephone order of Dec 24, 1908, provided that such shows co with the law in all other respects.

This latter clause was added to the on the statement by Mr. Rogers that injunction did not cover places which had their licenses revoked prior to I cember 24 for other causes. After the order had been sent out

retary Slattery took the injunction the home of Corporation Counsel Pendeton for a final decision. Pendleton a that it was binding on the police, and was then sent to Headquarters that order would stand. One of the places mention

one of the practice industrial in the injunction order is at 11 Broadway, Williamsburg, run by the Fo Amusement Company. The manage Joseph Ensler, had a copy and tried in the c serve it on Capt. Shevlin. Capt. told Ensier to take his order to a quarters and let him know later they said there. Shevlin then se equad of policemen and plain clothes to close up the fifteen places in the cinct, which they did. William III meyer, proprietor of "The Hippo protested and got arrested. Later She lin got the final order and perm the places to open again.

Detectives from the West Forty-sever street station arrested Milton Godsdarf manager of the place at 306 West Fit ninth street, before the final order on out, and he got bail. Capt. Walsh of East 126th street station closed up for shows in 125th street early in the ev but they opened later.

The show at 172 West Twen

street, which was also mention street, which was also mentioned in order of Justice Gaynor, got word of 4:30 o'clock that the order had been serve on Commissioner Bingham and opened in Capt. Hayes of the West Twentisth street station sent around and drove fifty peop out and closed the place at about 8 p permitting it to open later.

A few of the smaller shows in the oil which are not members of the pioton

show men's association and according knew nothing about the injunction their places dark last night. Jacob Weiberg, manager of a sh 129 East Houston street, was also arrest for allowing his place to run. He taken to the Eldridge street police station but after the court order came be w

In accordance with Mayor McCle